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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy Director for Intelligence**

**INFO : Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
Deputy Director for Science and Technology  
Associate Deputy Director for Operations  
Acting Director of National Estimates**

**SUBJECT : Law of the Sea Negotiations**

1. Mr. Roy Ash, Director of OMB, asked me yesterday whether we are participating in the preparation for the law of the sea negotiations. I said we are not devoting an inordinate amount of time to this but that I believe we are in contact with the appropriate State officers. I said we might have some contribution to make in terms of an estimate of the negotiating positions of the other participants, as well as the possible impact of different outcomes. He said he rather hopes we are participating because his office and others in the White House would feel much more confident.

from me

2. Could you draft a short note/to Mr. Ash on this subject, telling him the extent of our involvement and including, if you wish, any offers of additional involvement or limitations on our resources.

**WEC**

**W. E. Colby**

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